

Dear FCC:

I am writing to respectfully ask you to reject the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) petition 04-160. As an XM subscriber with both a home unit and a car unit, I find XM satellite radio to be a valuable service that should not be limited and restricted in providing local programming. XM is a paid subscription service -- it is completely voluntary. I am able to turn it off and listen to NPR if I wish, but as a consumer I also feel that it is my right to be able to get up to date weather and traffic information from my XM paid subscription. Satellite radio provides variety and quality that is not available elsewhere and in the spirit of competition and the freedom of expression I request that you allow XM's service to continue unrestricted.

Before XM, there were no good options for getting up to date and continuous traffic and weather information for the DC metro area. XM provides a wonderful service and to restrict it would be a blatant attempt to stifle competition. The radio broadcasters claim to be "local" and looking out for the community interest, but the reality is that local radio is controlled by a handful of radio consolidators. These companies are fearful of competition from satellite radio and are hoping to make them go away and keep the status quo. To do so would further enrich them at the expense of the american consumer.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Patrick Hendy